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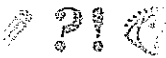
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- : something that happens
- : the fact of happening or occurring

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Full Definition of OCCURRENCE

- : something that occurs <a startling *occurrence*>
- : the action or instance of occurring <the repeated *occurrence* of petty theft in the locker room>

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Examples of OCCURRENCE

- Getting headaches has become a common *occurrence* for her.
- the recent *occurrences* of the disease
- Lightning is a natural *occurrence*.

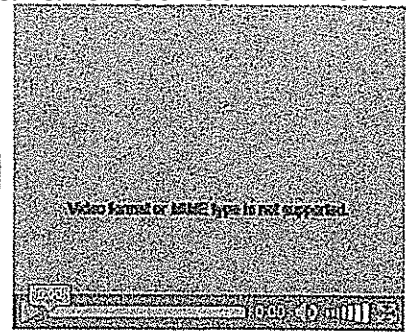
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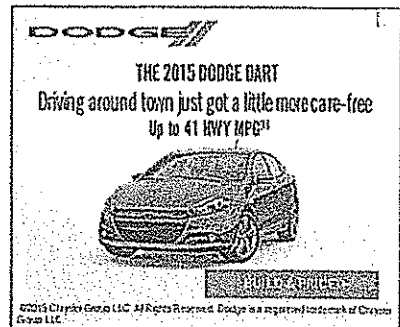
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